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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES WITH GDR

REF: USNATO 6091 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT TRIPARTITE MEETING OF ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS
NOV 4, FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU) RAISED REPORT OF BELGIAN-
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GDR AGREEMENT AS REPORTED REFTEL. HE SAID REPORT

RECEIVED BY FRENCH EMBASSY HERE STATED THAT BELGIANS HAVE ACTUALLY GIVEN AGREEMENT TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL AS GDR MILITARY ATTACHE FOR BRUSSELS, AND INDICATED PERHAPS SOMETHING COULD BE DONE BY THREE ALLIES TO PRECLUDE BELGIANS FROM SENDING AN ATTACHE TO EAST BERLIN. NOTING THAT BELGIUM HAS A MILITARY MISSION IN WEST BERLIN, HE INTIMATED THAT THIS MIGHT SERVE AS LEVERAGE. BOISSIEU ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING BELGIUM MAKE SOME KIND OF DISCLAIMER ABOUT THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN. UK AND US RESPONDED ONLY THAT, IF BELGIUM CONSIDERS ITSELF LOCKED IN AND MUST ACCEPT A GDR MILITARY ATTACHE, ALLIES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN BELGIAN AGREEMENT THAT IT WILL NOT SEND AN ATTACHE TO EAST BERLIN.

2. COMMENT: WE WOULD THINK IT A THOROUGHLY BAD IDEA TO PRESSURE NATO ALLIES ON BASIS OF POSSIBLE ACTION IN WEST BERLIN AGAINST THEIR MILITARY MISSIONS THERE. WE WOULD THINK IT WORTHWHILE, HOWEVER, FOR THREE ALLIES TO MOVE TO FALLBACK POSITION IN BELGIAN CASE AND ASK THAT BRUSSELS NOT SEND ATTACHE TO EAST BERLIN.
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